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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

1. The Director called me this afternoon and stated that General Taylor wants a full review of the reconnaissance requirements for the Taiwan Straits, the China Mainland, Vietnam, and Cuba. He desires a comprehensive review of practically everything -- what we have, what we are doing, what we need, where we are headed. Apparently the pressures of the Amoy situation during the last several weeks have tended to set aside our normal ground rules of "care and prudence" and the White House is getting concerned that we may be asking for trouble with a possible incident.

2. Although Mr. McNamara had agreed that we would not send any birds to [redacted] this agreement seemed somewhat reluctant. You will also recall that the [redacted] missions have been drastically curtailed.

3. Please prepare the necessary briefing and have it ready for the Director's review on Thursday morning as well as to have the briefer prepare to put on the floor show Thursday afternoon at the Special Group meeting. If you need any further information, come see me or the Director. I will assume that you will make the necessary contacts with Pete Scoville and Art Lundahl, whom I have not apprised of this requirement. You are assigned action on the matter.

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/s/

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Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

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